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GREETINGS —

THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE W.O.P.R.. BY NOW YOU'VE RECEIVED MANY LETTERS EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON OUR AREA, OF OPENING THE REMAINING OLD-GROWTH FORESTS TO LOGGING. THE SHORT-TERM REVENUE BOOST FROM TAKING OUT BIG TREES WOULD BE MASSIVELY OUTWEIGHED BY LOWERED PROPERTY VALUES, LOST TOURIST INCOME, DAMAGED WATERSHEDS WITH RESULTING LOWERED WATER QUALITY AND GREATER HEALTH COSTS, REDUCED FISH RUNS, AND INCREASED FIRE DANGER FROM THE INEVITABLE FUELS BUILDUP THAT FOLLOWS LOGGING IN OLD-GROWTH FORESTS. THE W.O.P.R. PROPOSES DISCARDING LITERALLY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES, LONG-TERM, FOR A SHORT-TERM TAXPAYER-SUBSIDIZED GIVEAWAY TO TIMBER COMPANIES, THAT WOULD MAKE MORE IN THE LONG RUN BY THINNING EXISTING SECOND-GROWTH STANDS INSTEAD. THAT WOULD ALSO GENIUNELY REDUCE FIRE DANGER.

THE BLM MUST FOLLOW THE LAW AS IT IS WRITTEN, ALL OF IT; DON'T AUTHORIZE IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE TO OUR LANDS JUST TO PLACATE A CORRUPT ADMINISTRATION THAT'S ON ITS WAY OUT, AND GET CAUGHT UP IN THE WAVE OF PROSECUTIONS LIKELY TO FOLLOW.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR DOING WHAT'S RIGHT.

SINCERELY,

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